

WE CLAIM:

1. A composition comprising, by mass, from about 1% to about 3% therapeutic agent, from about 0.05% to about 0.5% carbopol, from about 0.1% to about 0.5%  
5 hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, from about 14% to about 20% Lutrol F127, from about 13% to about 20% Lutrol F68, from about 0.1% to about 0.5% trolamine (10% w/v aqueous) solution, and water.
2. A composition comprising, by mass, about 1%  
10 clindamycin, about 20% poloxamer, and water.
3. A composition comprising, by mass, about 1% clindamycin, about 0.5% hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, about 15% poloxamer, and water.
4. A composition comprising, by mass, about 3%  
15 clindamycin, about 0.3% carbopol, about 15% poloxamer, about 0.3% trolamine about 10% w/v aqueous solution, and water.
5. A method of treatment of, therapy of, prophylaxis of, lessening the severity of, amelioration of, or forestalling  
20 an injury, a disease, an infection, discomfort, pain, or a malady in a vertebrate, comprising the step of administering to the vertebrate an effective amount of a composition according to claim 1.

6. A method of forestalling infection in a vertebrate, comprising the step of administering to the vertebrate, at a site in or on the vertebrate where it is desired to forestall infection, a therapeutically effective amount of
- 5 a composition according to claim 2, claim 3, or claim 4.